

Memo/Reply From
JOSHUA LEDERBERG

TO:

Kap

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halothane toxicity + P450

Dear Kap -

My own head stays more concentrated than I seek for P.U. !

For years I was beating on Jim Brun-
ker (at Stanford) to look for a genetic
basis to the idiosyncratic toxicity of halo-
thane, e.g. higher rates of metabolism ^{to}
lower rates of disposal of toxic intermedi-
ates.

But why didn't I ask you about
this long before?

The question I had in mind is whether
mice (or people) with induced P450
were more vulnerable to halothane toxic-
ity. It may be mooted by the develop-
ment of the newer non-toxic

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agents; but perhaps this is all
the more reason to look at them from
this perspective.

Have I missed any important work
on halothane metabolism during the
last 5 years I haven't been looking?

Jim

Thank you for the cosmic guide?
Both kids appreciate it. (I'd
just been printing out the
Pleiades & the Indian Sisters) to
Aurora.

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